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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Hazards: *Light wintry mix of precipitation possible over N AR & E OK this afternoon and evening.*

Elevated fire weather conditions possible over NM & W TX.

A few strong storms possible over S AR, N LA & NE TX this afternoon/evening; hail is the main threat.

Heavy rain/isolated flooding possible later today over NE TX & N LA.

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Key Points



Today

- Light wintry mix of precipitation is possible this afternoon into late tonight over N AR into SE OK and possibly into portions of N-Central TX as well; highest ice accumulations are likely over N AR (one tenth to two tenths of an inch)
- Elevated fire weather conditions this afternoon in NM & W TX
- A few strong storms possible over S AR, NE TX and N LA this afternoon/evening; hail is the main threat
- Heavy rain/isolated flooding possible over N LA & NE TX later today into the overnight hours

Wednesday

- No significant weather expected







Thursday - Saturday

- Elevated fire weather conditions Thursday in E NM & the TX/OK Panhandles
- While rain chances increase over eastern portions of the Region Friday/Saturday, severe weather and/or widespread heavy rain is not expected

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 6, 2018 through Feb 10, 2018

DAY / THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms	S AR, N LA, NE TX				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE TX, N LA			LA	LA
Fire Weather	NM, W TX		E NM, TX/OK Panhandles		
Winter	E OK, N AR, N-Cntrl TX				
River Flooding					

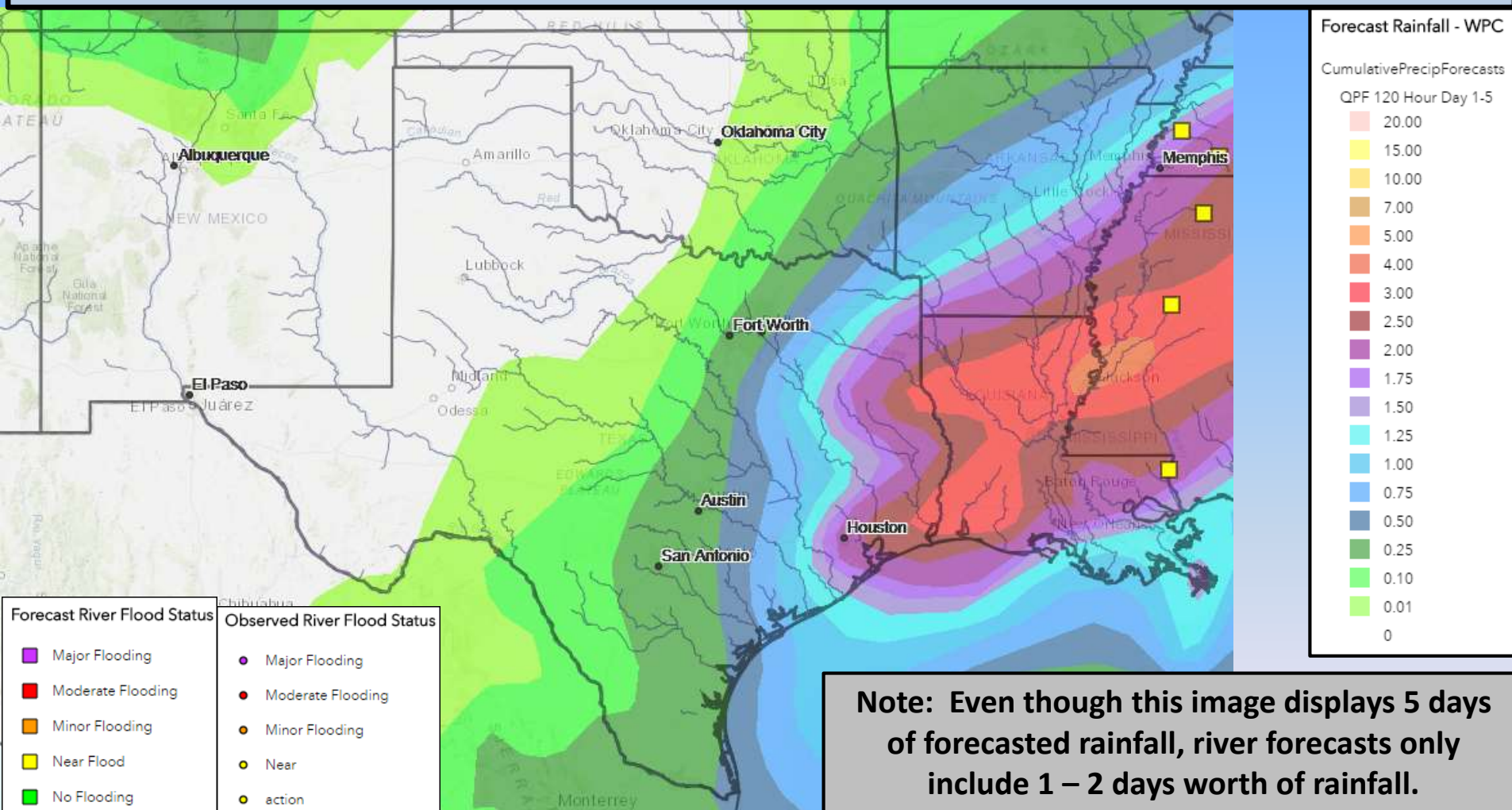
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



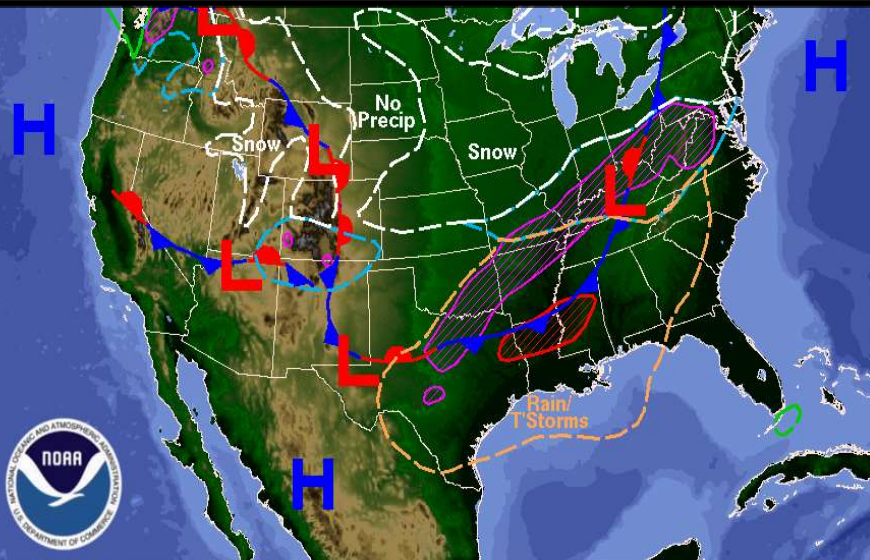
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Rainfall shown below is a combination of today/tonight's rainfall and another round of rainfall expected to begin on Saturday; a few river points may go into minor flood over LA and SE AR; widespread flooding is not anticipated.



See <http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for the latest on river flooding

Today's Weather



Light wintry mix of precipitation is possible this afternoon into late tonight over N AR into SE OK and possibly into portions of N-Central TX as well; highest ice accumulations are likely over N AR (one tenth to two tenths of an inch).

Elevated fire weather conditions in NM & W TX.

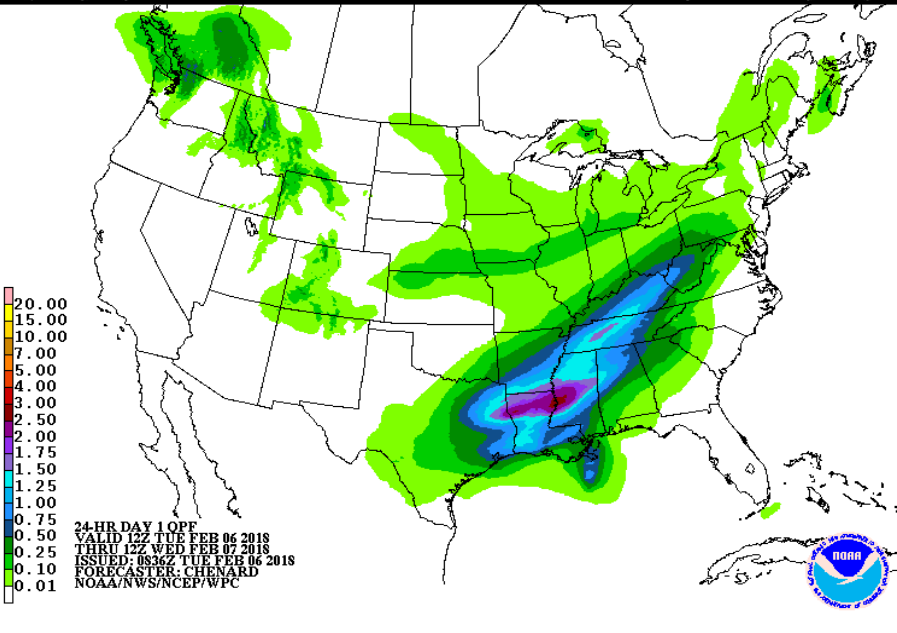
A few strong storms possible over S AR, NE TX and N LA this afternoon/evening; hail is the main threat.

Heavy rain/isolated flooding possible over N LA & NE TX later today into the overnight hours.

Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Feb 06, 2018, issued 4:17 AM EST
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
 Rain and T'Storms
 Rain and Snow
 Snow
 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



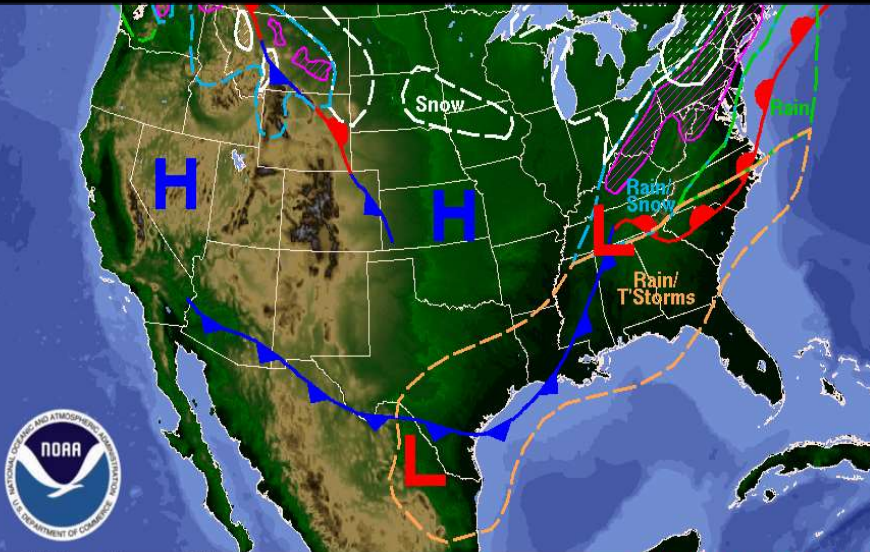
Highlighted Area: TENA Region 8

Severe Weather Outlook Tuesday, February 06, 2018

Last Updated: Feb 06 2018 1155 PM CST
 Valid Until: Feb 07 2018 0600 AM CST



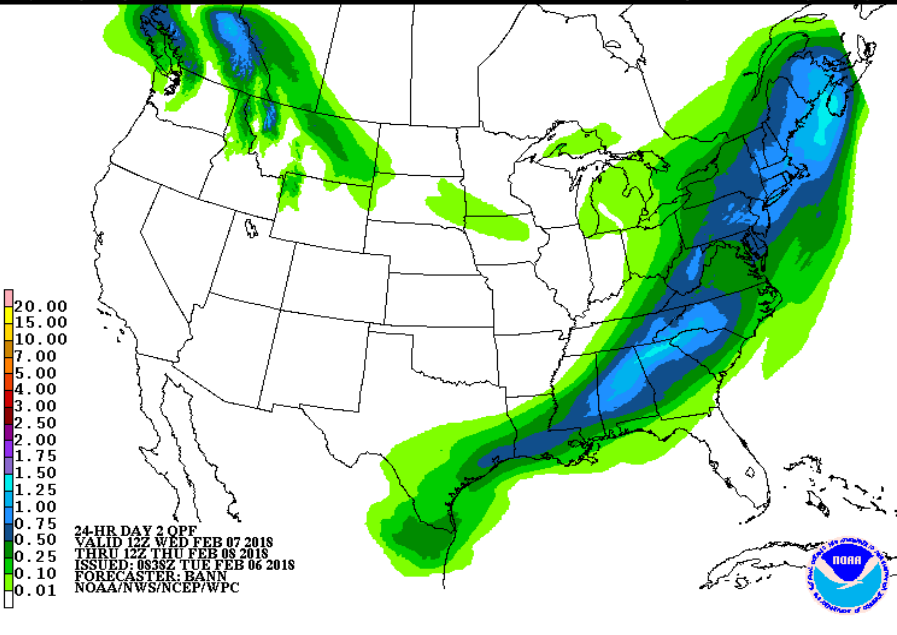
Tomorrow's Weather



Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Feb 07, 2018, issued 4:20 AM EST Tue, Feb 06, 2018
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



No significant weather expected.

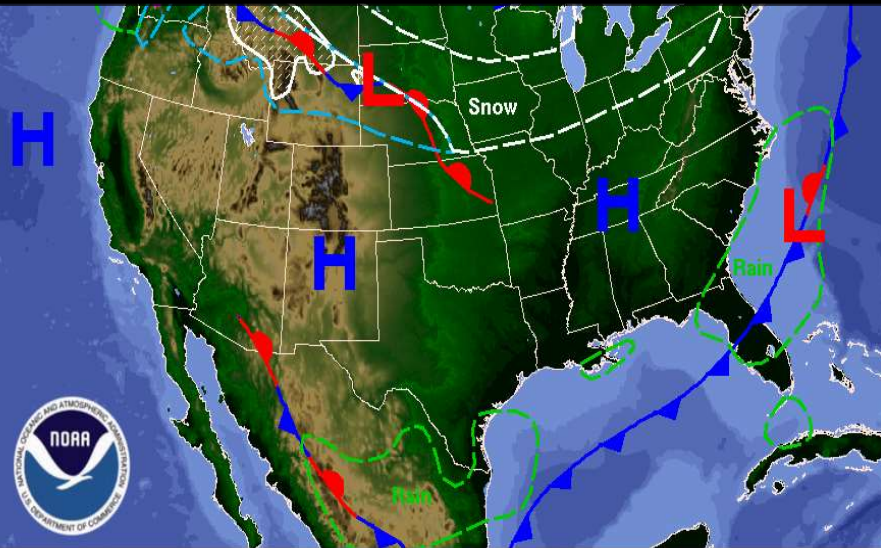
Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 8

Severe Weather Outlook Wednesday, February 07, 2018

Last Updated: Feb 06 2018 1119 PM CST
Valid (until): Feb 08 2018 0600 AM CST



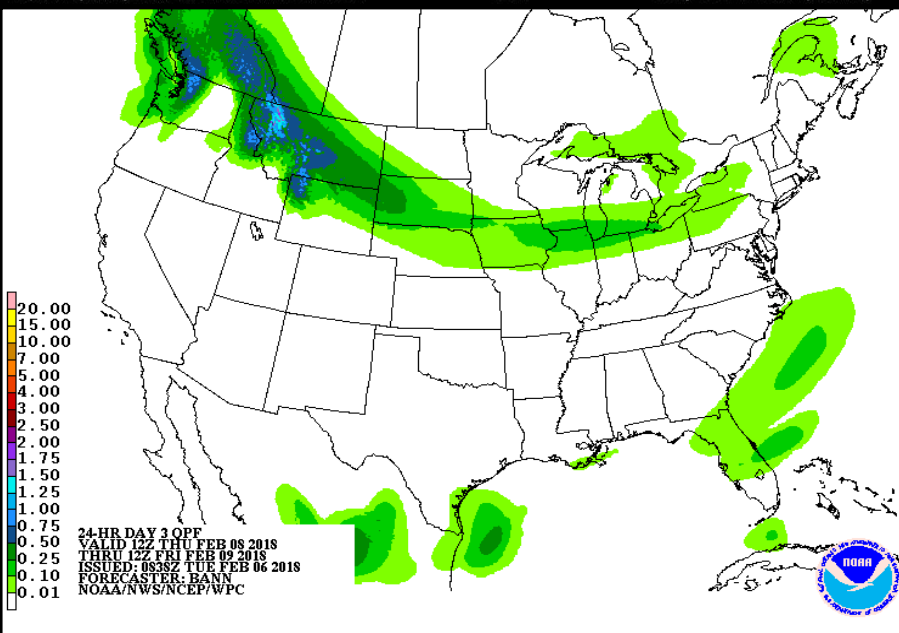
Thursday's Weather



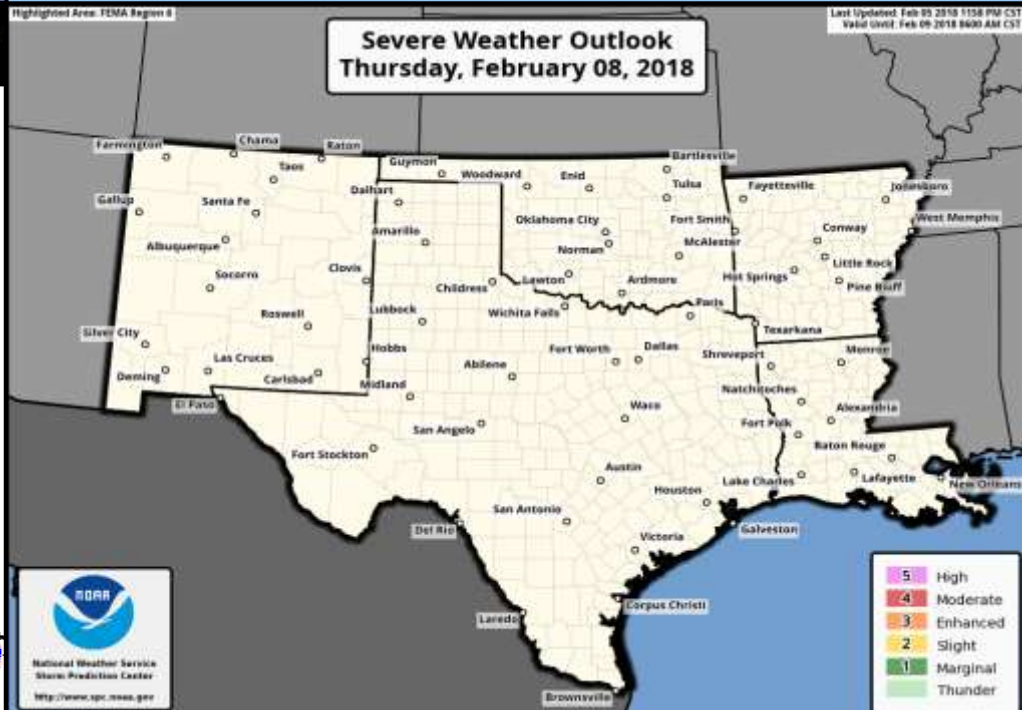
Day 3 National Forecast Chart

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Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



Elevated fire weather conditions possible across E NM into the TX/OK Panhandles.

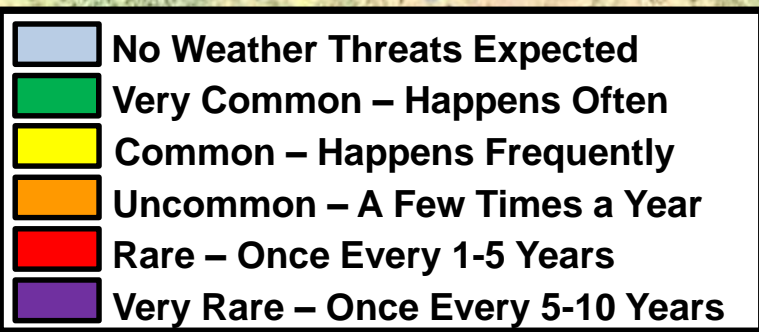


Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday - Saturday



While rain chances increase over eastern portions of the Region during this time period, severe weather and/or widespread heavy rain is not expected.

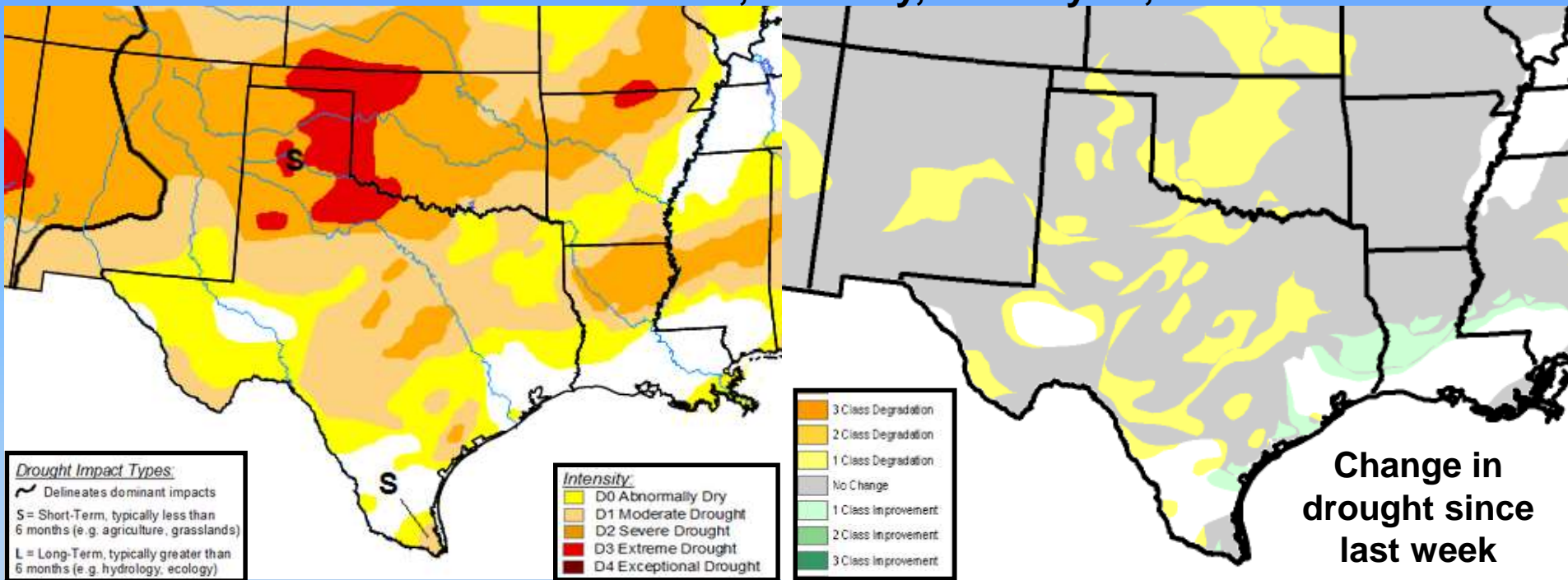


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released February 1, 2018

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, January 30, 2018



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	2.37%	2.37%	0.00%	2.02%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	21.11%	14.56%	0.00%	3.90%
Texas	7.30%	4.25%	0.00%	0.01%
New Mexico	0.27%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

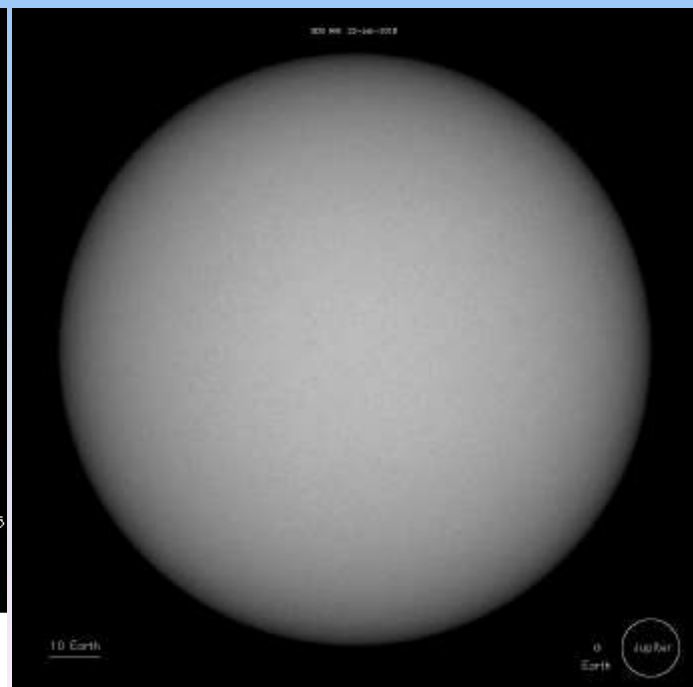
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms